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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OTA Briefing

1. On Friday, 24 October 1986, Drs. Peter Sharfman, Peter Lert and Michael Callahan, Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), were briefed by [redacted] OSWR, on comparing Soviet and U.S. military technologies. (Request letter attached.) [redacted] OSWR, and [redacted] A/NIO/GPF, also participated in the briefing.

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2. The presentation by OSWR consisted totally of viewgraphs describing Soviet military technologies. Several questions were posed by OTA--though two attendees slept through a good part of the briefing.

3. OTA requested name(s) of CIA employees who could be participants in a workshop OTA is sponsoring on this subject. No one specifically was pinpointed.

4. On the way out, OTA asked [redacted] who is presently working on an estimate on the briefing subject, if he would be willing to have further discussions with OTA re the methodologies used by CIA to compile the NIE. [redacted] made no commitment.

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5. The briefing lasted two hours. No notes were taken by OTA.

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86-2952

Dear Mr. Gries:

The Office of Technology Assessment has been asked to undertake a study comparing Soviet and U.S. military technologies. This request was made by Congressman Les Aspin, Chairman, and Congressman William L. Dickinson, Ranking Minority Member, of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives. As an initial response to this request OTA is planning a workshop comparing Soviet and U.S. capabilities in a particular area of military technology. The area under consideration is tactical avionics. In connection with this plan, we need information concerning Soviet capabilities in tactical fighter avionics, both in current production aircraft and in future aircraft now in development.

This letter is to request a Sensitive Compartmented Information level briefing on this subject. We would appreciate being informed of assessments of Soviet capabilities in tactical avionics, and of the areas of uncertainties in these assessments. Current aircraft of interest are the MiG-29, MiG-31, and Su-27; future capabilities to be available by about 2000 are also of interest.

The OTA personnel to be briefed include:

- [] Manager, International Security and Commerce Program. STAT
- [] Senior Analyst. STAT
- [] Senior Analyst. STAT

We would appreciate your expediting this request so that the briefing can be as soon as possible, since we are expecting to schedule the workshop in October. The staff contact for further information is Dr. Lert, at 226-2026.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lionel S. Johns
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